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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May 1990 was 4.0 percent, rising 0.2 from the April 1990 rate of 3.8. In May 1989 the state's unemployment rate was 3.7. For the nation, the adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3 in May 1990 . The national rate was 5.2 in May 1989.

The civilian labor force for North Carolina in May was estimated at 3,451,000, a monthly increase of 41,000 from the April estimate of 3,410,000. From May 1989, the civilian labor force saw an increase of 38,000 people.

Employment, seasonally adjusted for May, rose to 3,312,000 from 3,281,000 in April for an increase of 31,000 workers. The number employed in May 1990 was 26,000 more than in May 1989. The number of persons unemployed increased by 10,000 in May (139,000) from (129,000) April. From a year ago (127,000), the unemployed estimate was up by 12,000.

In May, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment increased to 3,103,400, a gain of 3,500 workers from the prior month's estimate of 3,099,900. An over-the-month loss of 5,800 in goods producing was offset by a gain of 9,300 in service producing.This goods producing loss occurred primarily in the manufacturing sector (-4,000) and was most prominent in textiles (-2,000) and tobacco (-1,200). Employment gains in service producing was most significant in the government (+11,200) industries.

From May 1989-May 1990 a total of 48,500 employees were added to industry payrolls. Manufacturing employment declined by 14,300, to a level of 852,700 as employment in goods producing was also declining to a level of 1,018,800. The manufacturing losses in tobacco, textiles, and apparel were most significant. In service producing, strong gains occurred in trade (+19,200); service & miscelleanous (+25,100); and government (+15,300) .

There were 12,240 persons placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in May 1990. Of these, 4,734 persons were placed in manufacturing industries, 2,822 persons founds jobs in the services industry, while 1,760 individuals were placed in the trade industry. By occupational category, 1,986 individuals were employed in packaging and material handling; 1,555 in bench work; 1,878 in services, except domestic; and 1,225 in machine trades.

Production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries earned $8.75 an hour in May. The average hours worked were 39.9, and average weekly earnings amounted to $349.13. There was a increase of $ .36 an hour in average hourly earnings from May 1989 . Workers in cigarette manufacturing were the highest hourly wage earners at $19.84. In service producing, the average hourly earnings were highest among workers in pulp, transportation, communication, and public utilities at $12.97.

The number of production workers in North Carolina's manufacturing industries declined by 4,100, from 663,700 in April to 659,600 in May. This decline was spread across the entire sector. The largest over-the-month loser was in textiles (-1,800) From May of last year, manufacturing lost 14,000 production workers. This loss occurred throughout the manufacturing sector with the most significant losses in the textile (-5,600) and apparel (2,600) indusrties.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

May 1990

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: December 1989 through May 1990					
	May 1989	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1990	Apr. 1990	May 1990
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,930	5,038	4,971	4,975	4,980	4,985	4,991
Civilian Labor Force	3,413	3,440	3,361	3,395	3,399	3,410	3,451
Participation Rate[1]	69.2	68.3	67.6	68.2	68.3	68.4	69.1
Employed	3,286	3,332	3,327	3,274	3,283	3,281	3,312
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	66.7	66.1	65.1	65.8	65.9	65.8	66.4
Unemployed	127	108	124	121	116	129	139
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.8	4.0
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: March 1990 through May 1990		
	May 1989	Mar. 1990	Apr. 1990	May 1990
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,930	4,980	4,988	4,985
Civilian Labor Force	3,399	3,365	3,367	3,367
Participation Rate[1]	68.9	67.6	67.5	67.5
Employed	3,280	3,245	3,247	3,247
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	66.5	65.2	65.1	65.1
Unemployed	120	121	120	120
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	1.3	1.8	1.7	INA

[1]The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.
[2]The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.
[3]The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

May 1990

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: December 1989 through May 1990					
	May 1989	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990	Mar. 1990	Apr. 1990	May 1990
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	186,181	187,165	187,293	187,412	187,529	187,669	187,828
Civilian Labor Force	123,551	124,546	124,397	124,630	124,829	124,886	125,004
Participation Rate[1]	66.4	66.5	66.4	66.5	66.6	66.5	66.6
Employed	117,132	117,888	117,863	118,035	118,334	118,116	118,350
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	62.9	63.0	62.9	63.0	63.1	62.9	63.0
Unemployed	6,419	6,658	6,535	6,595	6,495	6,770	6,653
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.3
Insured Unemployment Rate[3]	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.3	INA

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: March 1990 through May 1990		
	May 1989	Mar. 1990	Apr. 1990	May 1990
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	186,181	187,529	187,669	187,828
Civilian Labor Force	123,196	123,789	123,816	124,640
Participation Rate[1]	66.2	66.0	66.0	66.4
Employed	117,039	117,093	117,359	118,277
Employment-Population Ratio[2]	62.9	62.4	62.5	63.0
Unemployed	6,156	6,697	6,457	6,363
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.4	5.2	5.1
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.9	2.7	2.4	INA

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1989 -May 1990

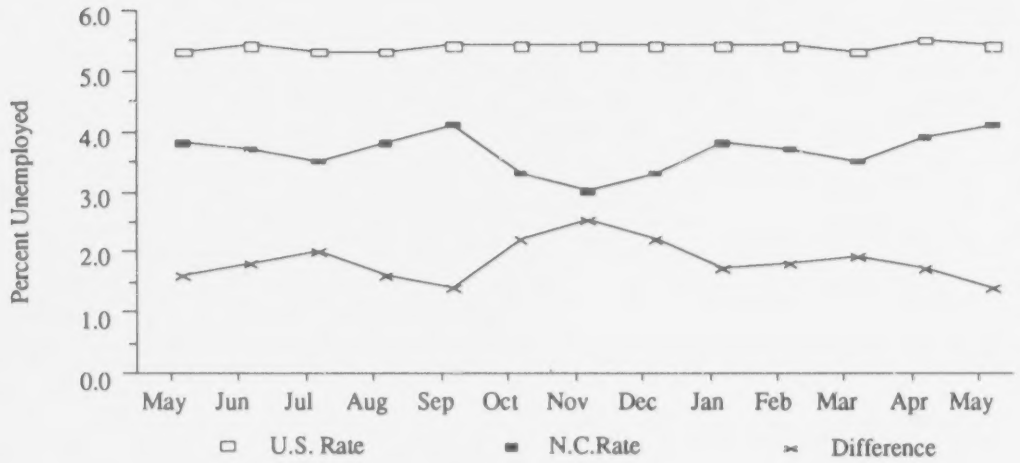

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

May 1989-May 1990

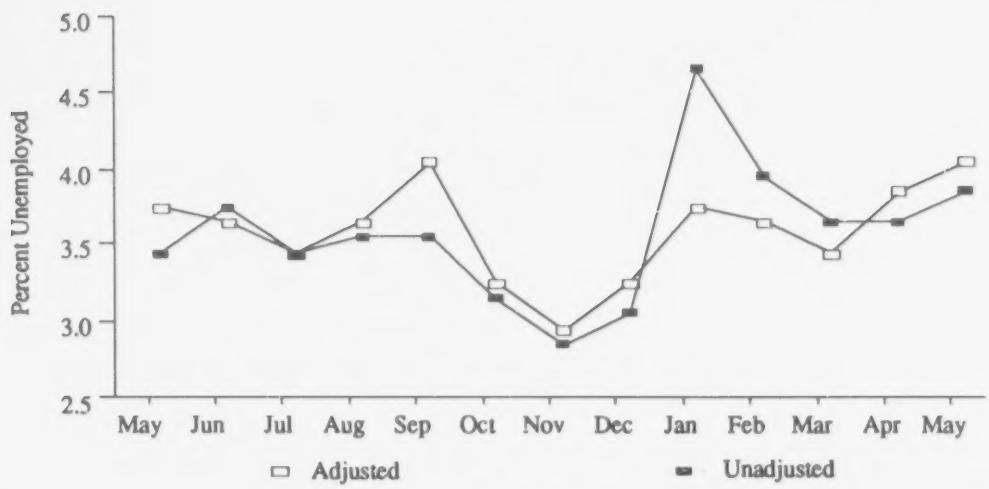

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

May 1990[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment May 1990	Apr.[2] 1990	May 1989	Change From: Apr. 1990 Net	Apr. 1990 Percent	May 1989 Net	May 1989 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force [3]	3,439.0	3,366.7	3,399.3	+ 72.3	+ 2.1	+ 39.7	+ 1.2
Employment, Total	3,307.5	3,246.6	3,279.6	+ 60.9	+ 1.9	+ 27.9	+ 0.9
Unemployment, Total	131.5	120.1	119.7	+ 11.4	+ 9.5	+ 11.8	+ 9.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.8	3.6	3.5	+ 0.2	xxx	+ 0.3	xxx
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force[3]	3,451.0	3,410.0	3,413.0	+ 41.0	+ 1.2	+ 38.0	+ 1.1
Employment, Total	3,312.0	3,281.0	3,286.0	+ 31.0	+ 0.9	+ 26.0	+ 0.8
Unemployment, Total	139.0	129.0	127.0	+ 10.0	+ 7.8	+ 12.0	+ 9.4
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.0	3.8	3.7	+ 0.2	xxx	+ 0.3	xxx
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,103.4	3,099.9	3,054.9	+ 3.5	+ 0.1	+ 48.5	+ 1.6
Goods Producing	1,018.8	1,024.6	1,034.0	- 5.8	- 0.6	- 15.2	- 1.5
Mining	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
Construction	161.1	162.9	162.1	- 1.8	- 1.1	- 1.0	- 0.6
Manufacturing	852.7	856.7	867.0	- 4.0	- 0.5	- 14.3	- 1.6
Durable Goods	354.8	353.9	357.5	- 0.9	- 0.3	- 2.7	- 0.8
Lumber & Wood Products	36.3	36.8	36.1	- 0.5	- 1.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.0	12.9	12.8	- 0.9	- 7.0	- 0.8	- 6.3
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	9.8	9.4	- 0.5	- 5.1	- 0.1	- 1.1
Furniture & Fixtures	87.1	86.0	87.7	+ 1.1	+ 1.3	- 0.6	- 0.7
Household Furniture	77.2	76.1	77.7	+ 1.1	+ 1.4	- 0.5	- 0.6
Wood Household Furniture	39.6	37.0	37.9	+ 2.6	+ 7.0	+ 1.7	+ 4.5
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.0	32.1	33.2	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 1.2	- 3.6

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.
[4]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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Industry employment compiled by the LMI Division in cooperation with USDOL, BLS.

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

May 1990[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment May 1990	Apr.[2] 1990	May 1989	Change From: Apr. 1990 Net	Apr. 1990 Percent	May 1989 Net	May 1989 Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.1	21.1	21.3	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 0.9
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.7
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	5.9	5.9	6.0	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 1.7
Primary Metal Products	12.4	12.3	12.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Fabricated Metal Products	30.7	30.7	30.6	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	9.0	9.0	8.9	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.1
Industrial Machinery	64.6	64.5	63.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
Special Industry Machinery	7.7	7.7	7.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 1.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	55.3	55.3	57.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	- 2.1	- 3.6
Household Appliances	5.1	4.9	5.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.1	- 0.2	- 3.8
Transportation Equipment	26.3	26.5	27.6	- 0.2	- 0.8	- 1.3	- 4.7
Other Durable Goods[4]	20.8	20.7	20.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	- 0.1	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	497.9	502.8	509.5	- 4.9	- 1.0	- 11.6	- 2.3
Food & Kindred Products	50.9	50.9	50.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Meat Products	24.0	24.0	23.4	0.0	0.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Meat Packing Products	2.8	2.7	2.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.7	+ 0.2	+ 7.7
Dairy Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.7
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 0.1	- 4.0	0.0	0.0
Bakery Products	8.5	8.5	8.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Beverages	5.5	5.8	5.8	- 0.3	- 5.2	- 0.3	- 5.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.0	19.2	20.9	- 1.2	- 6.3	- 2.9	- 13.9
Cigarettes	14.1	14.6	17.1	- 0.5	- 3.4	- 3.0	- 17.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.9	4.9	3.6	- 1.0	- 20.4	+ 0.3	+ 8.3
Textile Mill Products	213.8	215.8	219.2	- 2.0	- 0.9	- 5.4	- 2.5
Broadwoven Fabrics: Cotton, Manmade & Wool	50.9	51.2	52.2	- 0.3	- 0.6	- 1.3	- 2.5
Broadwoven Fabrics: Cotton	23.4	23.9	24.0	- 0.5	- 2.1	- 0.6	- 2.5
Broadwoven Fabrics, Manmade	25.3	25.3	26.0	0.0	0.0	- 0.7	- 2.7

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May 1990[1]

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment May 1990	Apr.[2] 1990	May 1989	Change From: Apr. 1990 Net	Apr. 1990 Percent	May 1989 Net	May 1989 Percent
Knitting Mills	83.3	84.0	83.6	- 0.7	- 0.8	- 0.3	- 0.4
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	23.0	23.3	22.7	- 0.3	- 1.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Hosiery, NEC	23.2	23.5	23.8	- 0.3	- 1.3	- 0.6	- 2.5
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	16.7	16.7	16.6	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Lace & Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 1.6
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	16.4	16.6	17.0	- 0.2	- 1.2	- 0.6	- 3.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.1	48.7	51.5	- 0.6	- 1.2	- 3.4	- 6.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	79.8	80.7	82.8	- 0.9	- 1.1	- 3.0	- 3.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	27.9	28.1	28.0	- 0.2	- 0.7	- 0.1	- 0.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	31.5	31.6	33.9	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 2.4	- 7.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.7	22.7	22.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.4	9.5	9.7	- 0.1	- 1.1	- 0.3	- 3.1
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.9	8.9	9.0	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	1.1
Printing & Publishing	30.5	30.4	30.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Newspapers	10.8	10.7	10.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	45.0	44.9	43.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 2.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	15.2	15.0	14.6	+ 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 0.6	+ 4.1
Rubber & Misccellaneous Plastic Products	33.2	34.0	35.0	- 1.0	- 2.9	- 2.0	- 5.7
Other Nondurable Goods[5]	4.2	4.2	4.5	0.0	0.0	- 0.3	- 6.7
Service Producing	2,084.6	2,075.3	2,020.9	+ 9.3	+ 0.4	+ 63.7	+ 3.2
Transportation	154.6	154.8	151.4	- 0.2	- 0.1	+ 3.2	+ 2.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.5	56.8	56.7	- 0.3	- 0.5	- 0.2	- 0.4

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Classification	Total Employment May 1990	Apr.[2] 1990	May 1989	Change From: Apr. 1990 Net	Apr. 1990 Percent	May 1989 Net	May 1989 Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	728.5	730.1	709.3	- 1.6	- 0.2	+ 19.2	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade	172.7	172.5	169.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.1	+ 3.4	+ 2.0
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	101.7	101.8	100.5	- 0.1	- 0.1	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	71.0	70.7	68.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.2	+ 3.2
Retail Trade	555.8	557.6	540.0	- 1.8	- 0.3	+ 15.8	+ 2.9
General Merchandise Stores	83.6	82.9	77.7	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	+ 5.9	+ 7.6
Food Stores	90.2	90.0	88.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 2.2	+ 2.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	132.6	133.2	131.6	- 0.6	- 0.5	+ 1.0	+ 0.8
Service & Miscellaneous[6]	579.3	578.7	554.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.1	+ 25.1	+ 4.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	31.1	32.1	30.5	- 1.0	- 3.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Personal Services	29.8	29.7	29.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.0	14.0	13.8	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Total Government	489.7	478.5	474.4	+ 11.2	+ 2.3	+ 15.3	+ 3.2
Federal	62.7	56.6	54.7	+ 6.1	+ 10.8	+ 8.0	+ 14.6
State	139.1	136.2	139.0	+ 2.9	+ 2.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.1
Education	71.5	70.6	73.3	+ 0.9	+ 1.3	- 1.8	- 2.5
Other	67.6	65.6	65.7	+ 2.0	+ 3.0	+ 1.9	+ 2.9
Local	287.8	285.7	280.7	+ 2.1	+ 0.7	+ 7.1	+ 2.5
Education	147.5	147.1	147.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Other	140.3	138.6	133.5	+ 1.7	+ 1.2	+ 6.8	+ 5.1
All Other Nonag. Employment[7]	257.1	263.7	273.3	- 6.6	- 2.5	- 16.2	- 5.9
Agriculture	57.7	52.1	62.9	+ 5.6	+ 10.7	- 5.2	- 8.3

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Figure 3

Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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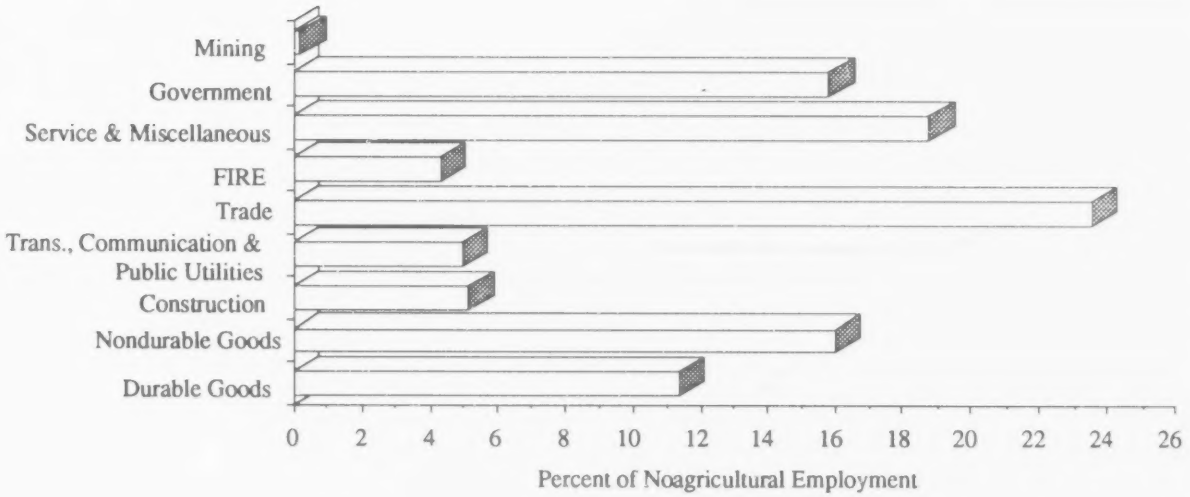

Figure 4

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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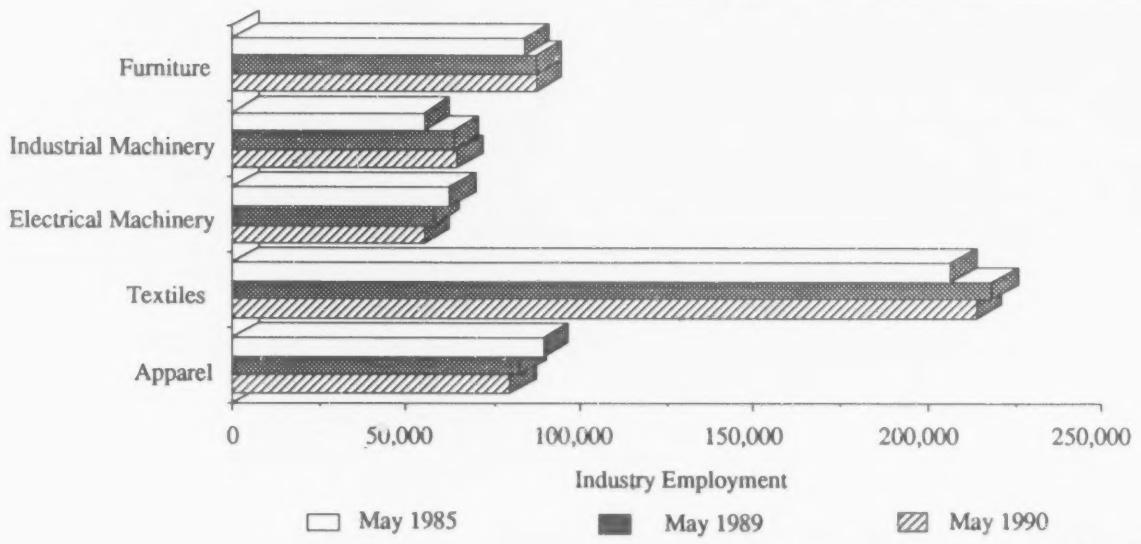

Table 4

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions May 1990[1]

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed[2]	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs[2, 3]	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	12,240	11,641	640	22	1,220
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	412	407	2	0	7
Clerical Occupations	2,453	2,432	8	0	32
Sales Occupations	435	415	0	0	7
Domestic Service Occupations	137	103	1	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,878	1,825	3	0	27
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	1,175	665	533	0	20
Processing Occupations	1,127	1,118	5	5	1
Machine Trade Occupations	1,225	1,225	3	0	37
Benchwork Occupations	1,555	1,554	48	0	12
Structural Work Occupations	1,615	1,562	15	5	1,053
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	315	305	7	0	32
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,986	1,873	34	12	30
Miscellaneous Occupations	77	77	0	0	2

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions May 1990[1]

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,734	411	1,760	191	2,832	1,483	1,772
43	1	66	20	158	113	161
179	78	493	106	472	1,168	1,257
20	11	251	11	121	0	37
0	0	2	0	99	1	4
141	24	586	25	967	122	218
27	2	9	9	54	15	26
1,050	0	42	0	17	0	4
1,068	8	63	1	55	2	5
1,277	2	26	0	214	1	4
287	23	27	12	186	42	46
27	121	77	0	35	21	21
958	137	178	8	620	3	5
42	7	0	0	17	9	12

[1]The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.
[2]The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.
[3]A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Figure 5

A Comparison of Insured Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1989-May 1990

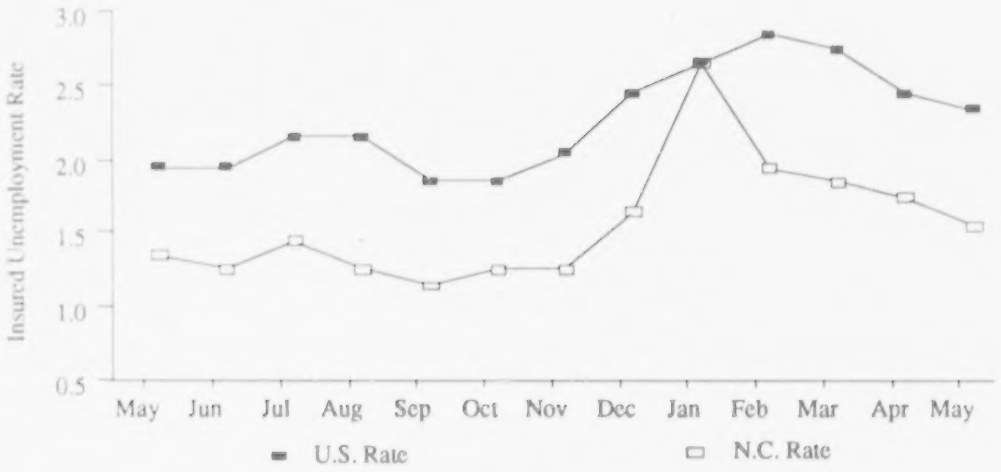

Figure 6

Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

May 1990

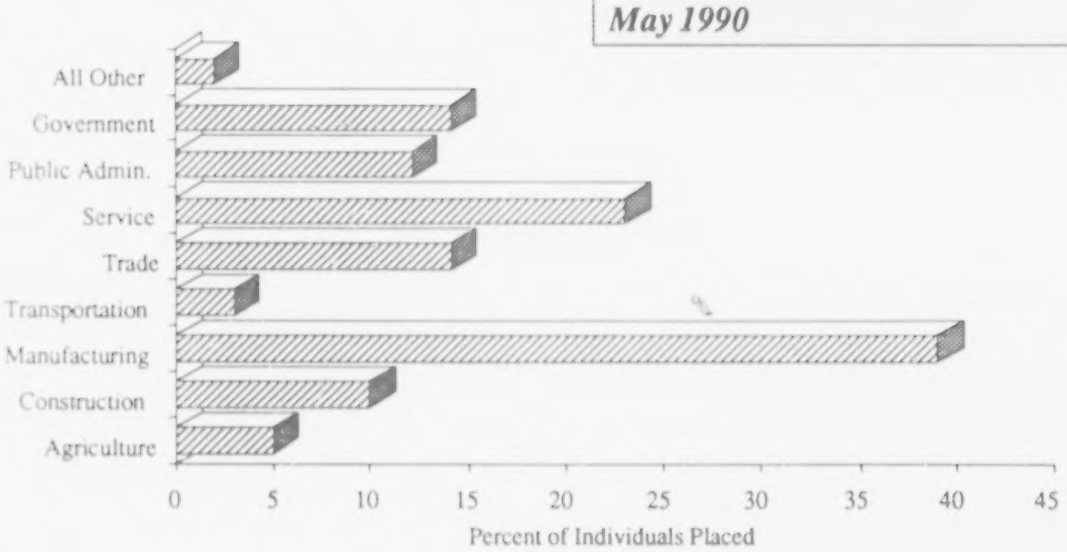

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment in Norht Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment May 1990	Apr.[2] 1990	May 1989	Percent Change From Apr. 1990	May 1989
Total Nonagricultural Employment	3,109.2	3,101.5	3,062.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.5
Goods Producing	1,016.4	1,019.1	1,032.8	- 0.3	- 1.6
Mining	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	+ 2.0
Construction	161.7	160.3	162.8	+ 0.9	- 0.7
Manufacturing	849.7	853.8	865.1	- 0.5	- 1.8
Durable Goods	353.2	353.4	357.1	- 0.1	- 1.1
Lumber & Wood Products	36.9	36.8	36.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.1	13.1	12.9	0.0	+ 1.6
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.8	9.8	9.4	0.0	+ 4.3
Furniture & Fixtures	85.1	86.0	87.4	- 1.0	- 2.6
Household Furniture	75.4	76.2	77.5	- 1.0	- 2.7
Wood Household Furniture	36.6	37.0	37.8	- 1.1	- 3.2
Upholstered Household Furniture	32.0	32.1	33.1	- 0.3	- 3.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	21.1	21.1	21.3	0.0	- 0.9
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	- 3.7
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	5.9	5.9	6.0	0.0	- 1.7
Primary Metal Industries	12.4	12.3	12.1	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Fabricated Metal Industries	30.5	30.5	30.4	0.0	+ 0.3
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	9.0	9.0	8.9	0.0	+ 1.1
Machinery, except Electrical	64.7	64.5	63.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Special Industry Machinery	7.7	7.7	7.8	0.0	- 1.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	55.3	54.9	57.4	+ 0.7	- 3.7
Household Appliances	5.0	4.6	5.2	+ 8.7	- 3.8
Transportation Equipment	26.5	26.7	27.8	- 0.7	- 4.7
Other Durable Goods[3]	20.7	20.6	20.8	+ 0.5	- 0.5
Nondurable Goods	496.5	500.4	508.0	- 0.8	- 2.3
Food & Kindred Products	50.5	50.2	49.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
Meat Products	23.8	23.7	23.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Meat Packing Plants	2.7	2.7	2.6	0.0	+ 3.8
Dairy Products	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	- 3.7
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Bakery Products	8.5	8.5	8.3	0.0	+ 2.4
Beverages	5.6	5.7	5.9	- 1.8	- 5.1

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[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
[4]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
[5]This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.
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Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment May 1990	Apr.[2] 1990	May 1989	Percent Change From: Apr. 1990	May 1989
Tobacco Manufacturers	16.8	17.7	19.5	- 5.1	- 13.8
Cigarettes	13.8	14.4	16.7	- 4.2	- 17.4
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.6	2.9	2.4	-10.3	+ 8.3
Textile Mill Products	214.0	215.8	219.5	- 0.8	- 2.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Manmade & Wool	50.6	51.1	52.0	- 1.0	- 2.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.4	23.8	24.0	- 1.7	- 2.5
Weaving Mills, Manmade	25.1	25.2	25.9	- 0.4	- 3.1
Knitting Mills	83.7	84.2	84.0	- 0.6	- 0.4
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	23.1	23.3	22.8	- 0.9	+ 1.3
Hosiery, NEC	23.2	23.4	23.8	- 0.9	- 2.5
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	16.8	16.8	16.8	0.0	0.0
Lace & Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.3	6.4	0.0	- 1.6
Textile Finishing, except Wool	16.4	16.5	17.0	- 0.6	- 3.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	48.1	48.7	51.5	- 1.2	- 6.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	79.5	80.2	82.5	- 0.9	- 3.6
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	27.8	28.0	28.0	- 0.7	- 0.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	31.5	31.6	33.9	- 0.3	- 7.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.6	22.7	22.7	- 0.4	- 0.4
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	9.4	9.5	9.7	- 1.1	- 3.1
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.9	8.9	9.0	0.0	- 1.1
Printing & Publishing	30.6	30.6	30.4	0.0	+ 0.7
Newspapers	10.8	10.7	10.7	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	45.1	44.9	44.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	15.2	15.0	14.6	+ 1.3	+ 4.1
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.2	34.1	35.2	- 2.6	- 5.7
Other Nondurable Goods[4]	4.2	4.2	4.5	0.0	- 6.7

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Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment in North Carolina (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

May 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	May 1990	Apr.[2] 1990	May 1989	Apr. 1990	May 1989
Service Producing	2,092.8	2,082.4	2,029.2	+ 0.5	+ 3.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	154.1	153.6	151.0	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Communications & Utilities	56.7	56.5	56.9	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	728.6	724.5	709.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.7
Wholesale Trade	172.2	171.4	168.7	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	101.8	101.5	100.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	70.4	69.9	68.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Retail Trade	556.4	553.1	540.4	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
General Merchandise Stores	81.9	81.2	76.1	+ 0.9	+ 7.6
Food Stores	90.0	89.7	87.8	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	132.6	132.4	131.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Service & Miscellaneous[5]	581.0	579.3	556.1	+ 0.3	+ 4.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	32.0	31.4	31.4	+ 1.9	+ 1.9
Personal Services	29.8	30.3	29.0	- 1.7	+ 2.8
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.0	13.8	13.8	+ 1.4	+ 1.4
Health Services	151.4	151.1	143.6	+ 0.2	+ 5.4
Hospitals	63.0	62.7	57.7	+ 0.5	+ 9.2
Legal Services	13.2	13.1	13.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Education Services	34.4	36.9	34.3	- 6.8	+ 0.3
Total Government	496.5	492.6	481.4	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Federal	62.7	56.6	54.7	+10.8	+ 14.6
State	138.0	142.7	137.8	- 3.3	+ 0.1
Education	70.6	76.0	72.3	- 7.1	- 2.4
Other	67.4	66.7	65.5	+ 1.0	+ 2.9
Local	295.8	293.3	288.9	+ 0.9	+ 2.4
Education	156.1	156.2	155.9	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Other	139.7	137.1	133.0	+ 0.9	+ 5.0

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

May 1990[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1990	Apr.[3] 1990	May[3] 1989	May 1990	Apr.[3] 1990	May[3] 1989	May 1990	Apr.[3] 1990	May[3] 1989
Mining	$470.66	$440.30	$457.88	46.6	44.7	47.4	$10.10	$9.85	$9.66
Manufacturing	349.13	337.26	338.96	39.9	38.9	40.4	8.75	8.67	8.39
Durable Goods	362.40	350.84	349.74	40.0	39.2	40.2	9.06	8.95	8.70
Lumber & Wood Products	320.37	307.72	299.60	40.4	39.3	40.0	7.93	7.83	7.49
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	321.58	312.37	294.86	39.8	38.9	38.9	8.08	8.03	7.58
Furniture & Fixtures	295.57	296.43	288.75	36.9	37.1	37.5	8.01	7.99	7.70
Household Furniture	291.27	295.69	285.72	36.5	37.1	37.3	7.98	7.97	7.66
Wood Household Furniture	291.78	286.10	281.58	38.8	38.3	39.0	7.52	7.47	7.22
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	407.06	393.50	390.10	41.2	40.4	41.5	9.88	9.74	9.40
Structural Clay Products	331.17	317.07	320.80	39.9	39.0	40.0	8.30	8.13	8.02
Primary Metal Industries	449.71	437.22	416.33	43.2	42.0	42.7	10.41	10.41	9.75
Fabricated Metal Industries	401.29	372.96	383.88	41.2	39.3	41.5	9.74	9.49	9.25
Industrial Machinery	409.03	388.05	397.42	41.4	39.8	42.1	9.88	9.75	9.44
Special Industry Machinery	396.57	380.02	372.60	41.7	40.6	40.9	9.51	9.36	9.11
Electrical Machinery	378.62	368.12	380.18	40.8	40.1	41.1	9.28	9.18	9.25
Household Appliances	292.09	276.82	291.98	40.4	38.5	42.5	7.23	7.19	6.87
Transportation Equipment	437.57	409.05	410.73	42.4	40.5	42.3	10.32	10.10	9.71
Nondurable Goods	341.15	327.33	331.70	39.9	38.6	40.5	8.55	8.48	8.19
Food & Kindred Products	315.46	306.15	297.60	40.6	39.1	40.0	7.77	7.83	7.44
Meat Products	266.64	247.76	255.71	40.4	38.0	39.4	6.60	6.52	6.49
Meat Packing Products	390.89	366.28	375.93	45.4	45.5	44.7	8.61	8.05	8.41

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May 1990[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1990	Apr.[3] 1990	May[3] 1989	May 1990	Apr.[3] 1990	May[3] 1989	May 1990	Apr.[3] 1990	May[3] 1989
Dairy Products	347.41	348.87	322.15	44.2	44.9	42.5	7.86	7.77	7.58
Grain Mill Products	393.06	381.25	352.66	47.3	46.1	43.7	8.31	8.27	8.07
Bakery Products	341.09	342.29	338.21	40.8	40.7	41.6	8.36	8.41	8.13
Beverages	559.92	588.34	539.97	40.9	41.2	41.0	13.69	14.28	13.17
Tobacco Manufacturers	687.30	645.97	650.80	39.5	37.6	38.9	17.40	17.18	16.73
Cigarettes	775.74	733.79	715.11	39.1	37.4	39.4	19.84	19.62	18.15
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	252.84	225.34	244.57	42.0	38.0	35.6	6.02	5.93	6.87
Textile Mill Products	309.60	292.99	304.22	40.0	38.4	41.0	7.74	7.63	7.42
Broadwoven Mills, Cotton, Manmade & Wool	344.61	331.30	345.24	40.4	39.3	42.0	8.53	8.43	8.22
Broadwoven Mills, Cotton	327.99	314.34	345.24	39.0	37.6	42.0	8.41	8.36	8.22
Broadwoven Mills, Manmade	360.71	352.31	346.48	41.7	41.4	42.1	8.65	8.51	8.23
Knitting Mills	281.25	267.41	272.25	38.9	37.4	39.4	7.23	7.15	6.91
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	253.22	243.27	237.26	38.6	37.6	37.6	6.56	6.47	6.31
Hosiery, NEC	267.75	249.57	260.26	37.5	35.3	38.5	7.14	7.07	6.76
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	318.80	305.69	313.17	40.1	38.5	41.7	7.95	7.94	7.51
Lace & Warp Knit Fabric	335.16	314.31	341.10	42.0	40.4	43.9	7.98	7.78	7.77
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	336.60	314.61	331.10	42.5	40.7	43.0	7.92	7.73	7.70
Yarn & Thread Mills	309.06	286.52	303.47	40.4	38.0	41.8	7.65	7.54	7.26
Apparel & Other Textile Products	222.88	215.52	220.03	36.9	36.1	38.2	6.04	5.97	5.76
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	221.91	220.43	216.38	36.2	35.9	37.5	6.13	6.14	5.77
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	207.89	196.42	207.18	36.6	35.2	37.6	5.68	5.58	5.51

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Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina[1]

May 1990[2]

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1990	Apr.[3] 1990	May[3] 1989	May 1990	Apr.[3] 1990	May[3] 1989	May 1990	Apr.[3] 1990	May[3] 1989
Paper & Allied Products	517.54	524.02	505.74	43.2	43.2	43.3	11.98	12.13	11.68
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	697.70	737.27	685.97	45.1	46.9	45.1	15.47	15.72	15.21
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	419.13	398.11	401.29	42.9	41.6	42.6	9.77	9.57	9.42
Printing & Publishing	391.22	385.45	377.67	39.2	38.7	39.3	9.98	9.96	9.61
Newspapers	311.05	308.47	269.59	32.3	32.3	32.7	9.63	9.55	9.07
Chemicals & Allied Products	499.36	480.11	469.45	42.9	42.3	42.6	11.64	11.35	11.02
Plastics & Synthetics	552.20	525.71	518.63	44.2	43.7	43.4	12.50	12.03	11.95
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	439.11	420.95	416.15	41.0	39.9	41.0	10.71	10.55	10.15
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	555.12	551.24	559.29	42.8	42.6	43.9	12.97	12.94	12.74
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.80	223.10	216.19	31.7	31.4	31.7	7.06	7.06	6.82
Wholesale Trade	360.45	358.98	347.88	38.8	38.6	39.0	9.29	9.30	8.92
Retail Trade	184.44	184.11	177.90	29.7	29.6	29.6	6.21	6.22	6.01
General Merchandise Stores	179.35	179.00	163.00	28.2	28.1	28.2	6.36	6.37	5.78
Food Stores	193.88	192.37	188.16	30.2	30.2	30.3	6.42	6.37	6.21
Services, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	154.23	155.69	143.00	29.1	29.1	28.6	5.30	5.35	5.00
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	225.63	220.06	214.31	35.2	34.6	35.6	6.41	6.36	6.02

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Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

May 1990

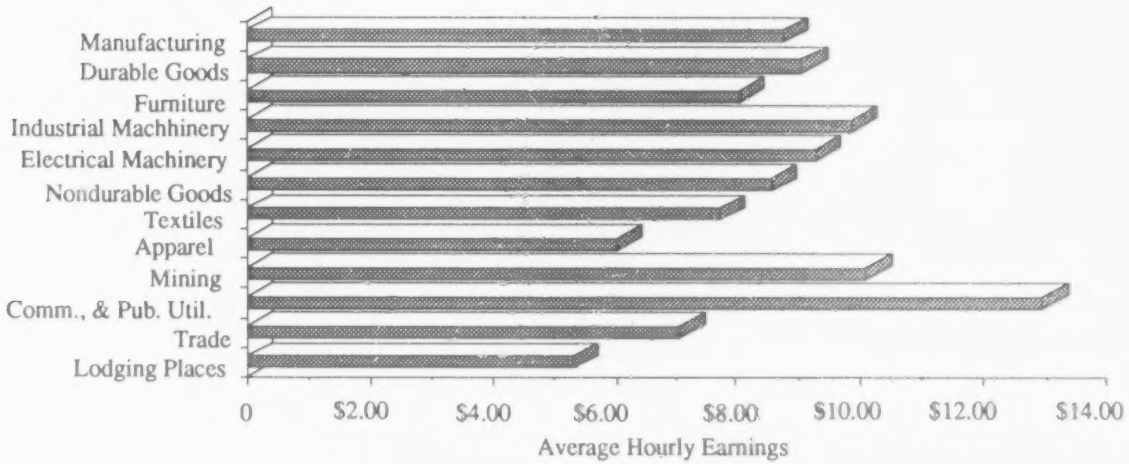

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

May 1990

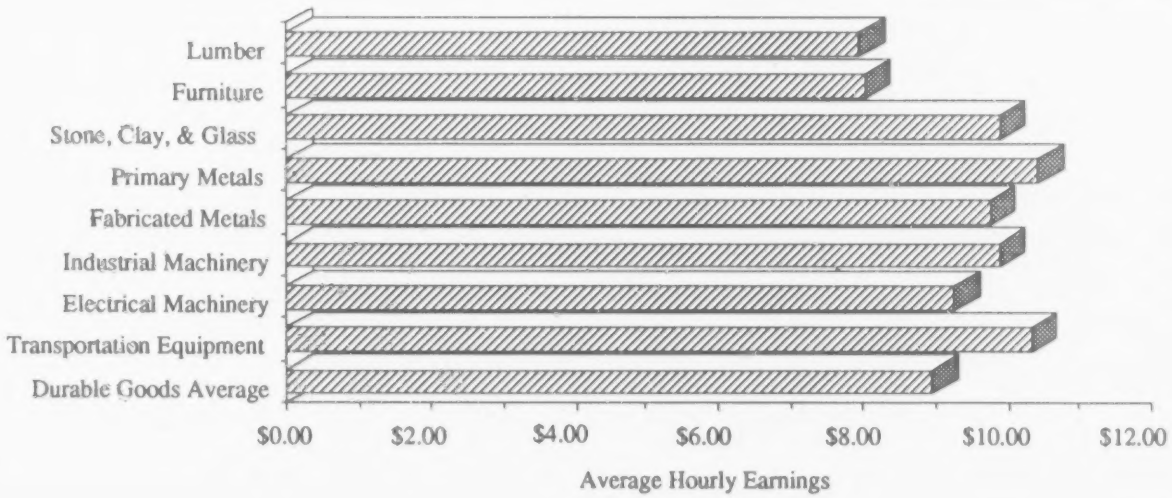

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

May 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	May 1990	Apr.[2] 1990	May 1989	Apr. 1990	May 1989
Manufacturing	659.6	663.7	673.6	- 0.6	- 2.1
Durable Goods	259.8	260.3	262.8	- 0.2	- 1.1
Lumber & Wood Products	31.2	31.2	30.6	0.0	+ 2.0
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	8.1	8.0	7.8	+ 1.3	+ 3.8
Furniture & Fixtures	74.1	74.9	75.6	- 1.1	- 2.0
Household Furniture	66.1	66.9	67.5	- 1.2	- 2.1
Wood Household Furniture	32.8	33.2	33.9	- 1.2	- 3.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	16.7	16.8	17.0	- 0.6	- 1.8
Structural Clay Products	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	- 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	9.3	9.2	9.2	+ 1.1	+ 1.1
Fabricated Metal Industries	21.9	22.0	21.9	- 0.5	0.0
Industrial Machinery	33.9	33.8	32.4	+ 0.3	+ 4.6
Special Industry Machinery	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	- 1.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	36.6	36.2	38.6	+ 1.1	- 5.2
Household Appliances	4.4	4.0	4.5	+10.0	- 2.2
Transportation Equipment	21.4	21.6	22.8	- 0.9	- 6.1
Other Durable Goods[3]	14.7	14.6	14.7	+ 0.7	0.0
Nondurable Goods	399.8	403.4	410.8	- 0.9	- 2.7
Food & Kindred Products	36.0	35.8	34.8	+ 0.6	+ 3.4
Meat Products	20.3	20.2	19.8	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Meat Packing Plants	1.9	2.0	1.9	- 5.0	0.0
Dairy Products	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	- 6.7

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Table III

(Continued)

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

May 1990[1]

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	May 1990	Apr.[2] 1990	May 1989	Apr. 1990	May 1989
Beverages	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	11.8	12.4	13.6	- 4.8	- 13.2
Cigarettes	9.7	10.1	11.7	- 4.0	- 17.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.7	1.9	1.6	- 10.5	+ 6.3
Textile Mill Products	188.0	189.8	193.6	- 0.9	- 2.9
Broadwoven Fabrics-Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	44.8	45.4	46.5	- 1.3	- 3.7
Broadwoven Fabrics Mills-Cotton	20.8	21.1	21.3	- 1.4	- 2.3
Broadwoven Fabrics Mills-Manmade	22.2	22.4	23.3	- 0.9	- 4.7
Knitting Mills	73.7	74.1	74.3	- 0.5	- 0.8
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	20.6	20.8	20.3	- 1.0	+ 1.5
Hosiery, NEC	20.9	21.1	21.6	- 0.9	- 3.2
Weft Knit Fabric Mills	14.7	14.7	14.6	0.0	+ 0.7
Lace and Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.1	5.2	5.3	- 1.9	- 3.8
Textile Finishing, except Wool	13.7	13.8	14.4	- 0.7	- 4.9
Yarn & Thread Mills	43.5	44.1	46.2	- 1.4	- 5.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	68.9	69.5	71.5	- 0.9	- 3.6
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	24.5	24.7	24.5	- 0.8	0.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	26.9	27.0	29.2	- 0.4	- 7.9
Paper & Allied Products	17.5	17.6	17.7	- 0.6	- 1.1
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.1	7.2	7.3	- 1.4	- 2.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.0	6.9	7.0	+ 1.4	0.0
Printing & Publishing	19.1	19.1	18.5	0.0	+ 3.2
Newspapers	4.3	4.2	4.1	+ 2.4	+ 4.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	28.1	28.1	28.6	0.0	- 1.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	10.8	10.8	10.9	0.0	- 0.9
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	26.8	27.5	28.6	- 2.5	- 6.3
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	3.6	3.6	3.9	0.0	- 7.7

[1]Data for the current month are preliminary.
[2]Revised.
[3]This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

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